

Surgical Technology

Associate in Applied Science Degree

This program prepares individuals for work as entry level Surgical Technician / Technologist. Graduates will work in operating room suites assisting in the preparation of supplies and in the delivery of care to the surgical patient. Just prior to graduation, student will take a national test through The National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA). The NBSTSA credential of certification of surgical technologists (CST) is recognized in all states including NY and PA.

Students will also have the opportunity to become certified as a Sterilization Processing Technician.

This program blends both in person and online instruction.

Total Credit Hours: 62

First Semester

CF100 College Foundations Seminar	1.0
EN101 English 1: Composition	3.0
HM100 Medical Term for Hlth Prof	3.0
MA108 Concepts in Mathematics	3.0
PY101 Intro General Psychology	3.0
ST120 Surgical Instrumentation	2.0

Second Semester

BI216 Human Anatomy & Physiology 1	4.0
ST130 Sterile Process and Surg Tech	3.0
ST131 Fundamentals of Surg Tech	3.0
ST220 Sterile Proc Clinical Practice	6.0

Third Semester

BI217 Human Anatomy & Physiology 2	4.0
EN102 English 2:Idea&Values Lit	3.0
ST140 Surg Tech Skills & Proc 1	3.0
ST230 Surg Tech Clinical Practice 1	6.0

Fourth Semester

BI209 Basc Pathophysiol	3.0
ST109 Pharmacology for the Surg Tech	2.0
ST141 Surg Tech Skills & Proc 2	3.0
ST240 Surg Tech Clinical Practice 2	7.0

Note: HM100, ST120, ST130, ST109, and BI209 are online only

Recommendation:

- High school chemistry with lab component or its equivalent (Regents score of 70 or higher or high school score of 70 or higher within 10 years of admission to the Surgical Technology Program.)
- High school biology or its equivalent is recommended.

Prerequisites:

The following requirements must be met before acceptance into the program:

- High school diploma or its equivalent.
- An appropriate MVCC Mathematics Placement test result.

- Proof of current Health Care Provider CPR certification must be on file from the American Heart Association.
- The Health Physical Assessment form must be completed and on file by August 1 for Fall admission and by November 1 for Spring clinical placement.
- Prerequisites taken at MVCC or at other institutions must have a minimum grade of "C" (70) within the last 7 years.
- Schedule an appointment with the School of Health Sciences. Call 315-792-5499 for an appointment.

Other requirements:

- Professional liability and accident insurance, available through the College, is required and payable at registration.
- Students must provide their own transportation to and from the assigned health care agency for externships.
- Health Care Provider CPR must be kept current while attending the program.
- A dress code exists and identified items (protective eyewear, picture ID, "sturdy" shoes and support hose) are required before entering ST131 Fundamentals of Surgical Technology. Students are required to purchase "scrubs."
- Minimum grade of "C" (70) required in all program courses.
- Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 to be eligible to graduate from this program.
- Graduation from the Surgical Technology program does not guarantee national certification at this time.
- Students with legal charges pending or who have been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor may have their credentialing delayed or denied.
- Students unable to complete Surgical Technology Program coursework at MVCC may face barriers to completion, credentialing or employment; therefore, it is highly recommended for these students to meet with the Dean of Health Sciences to discuss implications.
- If a student relocates to a state in which the institution does not have approval to operate prior to program completion it may adversely impact the student's ability to complete the program or gain in-field employment.